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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF IDS Filed July 8, 2002**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY CLAIM**

In response to Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, dated 03/17/2004, Applicant respectfully requests the acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 8, 2002 for the above cited patent application. A 4 page copy of the IDS submission, as taken from the application's Image File Wrapper on the USPTO PAIR System, is attached hereto, showing the IDS was received in TC 1700 on July 18, 2002. The references, however were not initialed by the Examiner as being considered in the prosecution of the application. As a result the Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowance in which the IDS is properly acknowledged.

Further Applicant respectfully requests the acknowledgement of the below noted priority claim for the above cited patent application. The correct priority claim is cited on the application's Filing Receipt, dated 04/11/2002, and is cited in the USPTO's PAIR System, however the

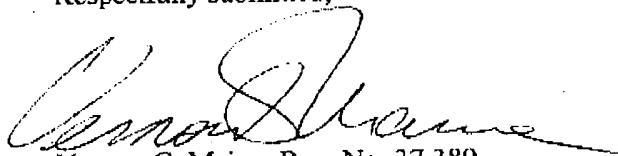
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Examiner has not acknowledged claim for domestic priority in any of the Office Actions issued, nor in the above noted Notice of Allowance.

Acknowledgement of claim for domestic priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) is hereby requested for provisional patent application number 60/255,289 filed 12/13/2000.

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